

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the allowability of claims 8, 11, 19 and 22, which were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. For purposes of expediting the prosecution of the present application, claims 8, 11, 19 and 22 have been amended appropriately to place them in a condition for allowance.

In particular, claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 1, 2 and 6. Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 1, 2 and 9. Claim 19 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 12, 13 and 17. Claim 22 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 12, 13 and 20. Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12-18, 20, 21, 23 and 24 have been canceled.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 12-14, 16-18, 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,136,376 to Yagasaki in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,640,388 to Woodhead. Claim 1-3, 5-7, 12-14, 16-18, 23 and 24 have been canceled by amendment herein, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Claims 4 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Yakasaki and Woodhead in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,638,129 to Lee. Claims 4 and 15 have been canceled by amendment herein, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Claims 9, 10, 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Yakasaki and Woodhead in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,537,409 to Moriyama. Claims 9, 10, 20 and 21 have been canceled by amendment herein, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the

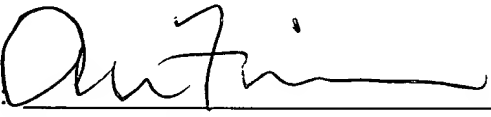
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application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 33826.

Respectfully submitted,

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